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Faculty Senate University Building and Grounds Committee Written Report 2007-2008

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met on October 25, 2007 and briefly reviewed the written report of the findings from the 2007 online classroom needs survey. Then, Ms. Vicky Davidson, Associate Vice President for Facilities Planning and Development, presented the Updated Dayton Campus and Lake Campus 2009-2014 Capital Plan. In addition, Ms. Davidson shared with the Committee members the list of capital projects that were currently either underway or completed. Finally, the committee toured the Rike Hall Remodeling Project, covering three floors and involving demonstrations of the newly-installed electronic instructional equipment in the classrooms. It was noted that multiple stakeholder input into the design of the improvements was a key ingredient to the high level of satisfaction that administrators, faculty, staff and students felt with regard to the construction outcome. Although the remodeling took place just shortly before the opening of the Fall 2007 term and prioritized the needs of the students, the utilization rates on all the rooms are at or above 70%. Not only are all the classrooms filled with business students and faculty during day and evening instructional times, but many of the rooms are also used for non-business stakeholder activities. The Rike Hall remodeling project is not yet complete. The administrative offices are currently under construction and then the second floor faculty facilities will be renovated.